

**REMARKS**

A restriction has been made on claims 1- 63. Claims 1-8, 16-20, and 25-29 have been grouped into Species I; claims 9-15, 21-24, and 30-34 have been grouped into Species II; claims 35-57 have been grouped into Species III; and claims 58-63 have been grouped into Species IV. Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of claims 1-8, 16-20, and 25-29 (Species I, i.e. those claims related to a switching circuit including switches and at least one passive break-before-make element). Please contact me if there are any issues regarding this communication or the current Application

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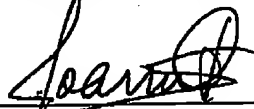
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